

**Historic French Park Association**  
**Annual Meeting - October 2, 2013 at 7 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**1. Called to order at 7:00 pm**

Directors in attendance: J. Dickman, P. Collins, A. Moerer, D. McEwen, M. Morrison, C. Kate.  
Also in attendance P. Cook-Giles, and visitors from the realty at 801 N. Bush.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Approved minutes from May and July, bringing us up to date.

**3. Officer reports**

- a. President – President meeting again with the City Attorney regarding enforcement of architectural codes. Approximately 6 months have passed, so the outstanding question is why no action is being taken.
- b. Secretary – Minutes have been posted online for members who miss monthly meetings.
- c. Treasurer – Treasury balance remains approximately \$4k.

**4. Committee reports**

- a. Architectural committee – 1105 N. Spurgeon is the home that burned last year; it is currently being rebuilt and restored by the owners. 1108 N. French is doing an attic addition, and Marc has been working with the committee to approve the plans. Ongoing code violations at 327 E. Washington and 1304 N. French.
- b. Police, Code Enforcement & Graffiti – graffiti levels in the neighborhood have been low all summer.
- c. Website – FrenchPark website fees have been paid (this October) for a new year.

**5. Old business**

- a. None.

**6. New business**

- a. Code Enforcement VIP Program – SAPD is currently considering details of a new “VIP program” for citizens to help with code enforcement at the neighborhood level. The idea is to provide additional “eyes and ears” or perhaps help processing existing complaints. At present, Code Enforcement is significantly understaffed and cannot respond to most complaints. Date-stamped, hard-copy pictures (or other hard data) are critical if you see a problem that deserves a response.
- b. New Construction and Businesses near French Park – A new coffeehouse is under construction on Civic Center between Minter and French, and an ice cream store opened at 3rd and Minter. A new residential, high-density development has been proposed for Civic Center at Santiago. There seems to be no activity on 1 Broadway Plaza for 2013, as no revised plans have not been submitted to City Planning (the deadline for any construction plan is believed to be coming up Apr 2014).
- c. Annual Association Meetings – Motion approved to hold our next formal Annual Meeting in Sept. 2014. This year, it was postponed until October, but this motion puts us back on the normal calendar next year.
- d. Elections – Members re-elected officers to continue for another year, with Debbie McEwen as President for 2013-14.
- e. Board of Director Meetings – Directors approved a motion to suspend regular meetings in favor of more social events and any ad hoc meetings as necessary. Meetings will be announced when needed using the yahoo mailing list.
- f. Proposal discussed for HFPA to create a Facebook page, in order to provide better neighborhood communication. The Board is seeking someone with an interest to adopt this project. The Yahoo Group will still be maintained for email bursts and more structured discussions.

**7. Announcements**

- Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm Paul and Joe will host drinks on their back porch.

Board Meetings of the Historic French Park Association are public and members of the Association are invited to attend. Motions may be made, seconded, amended and voted on by members of the Board of Directors.

- The city has launched a online community survey at <http://www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us/strategic-planning/community-survey/>
- Neighbors who want to receive FrenchPark email should send a blank email to: [FrenchPark-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:FrenchPark-subscribe@yahogroups.com).

**8. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**